



GOD'S PROMISE

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GOD'S COMMAND

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A Bit of History

Since the General School in Tennessee was so far from this section, and seeing the need of trained workers to carry the Gospel into all the world, Rev. Paul Walker established this school in Minot, North Dakota. The school was moved from there to Lemmon, South Dakota, where it is now located, and from building to building until 1944, when the Yellowstone Hotel was purchased for the school, which greatly increased the facilities, and we now can take care of seventy-five students.

There is feeling of gratitude to the Lord when we view the past and realize how God has visited the school, and many of the students who have attended are holding responsible positions in the work of the Church, such as State and Provincial Overseers, Missionaries, Pastors, Evangelists and Christian Workers, making success.

Purpose of the School

1. To provide men and women with a better knowledge of the Bible.

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Deaths

WILKINS

W. I. Wilkins passed away August 15, 1945; age seventy-four years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God for thirty-five years.—His pastor, Rev. M. E. Law, Ruskin, Fla.

WILLIAMS

Brother Kinzie Williams, a faithful member and ordained deacon of the Church of God, also clerk and treasurer of Sharps Chapel, La., Church of God for twenty-two years, was born January 29, 1885, and departed this life September 2, 1945. Pray for his family.—W. Burle Sumner, 604 Avenue W., Pratt City, Ala.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body of several serious ailments; unspoken request.—A saved friend.

The healing of Mrs. Willie Mae Williams, she has been in bad health about a year. She has been in bed about a month but is able to be up now, although it has left her mind very bad. She and I have trusted the Lord thirteen years and I believe it is to try our faith. She will appreciate encouragement.—Her sister, Mrs. W. H. Herndon, Lindale, Ga.

The healing of my little girl who is sickly, she has bronchitis and asthma and has a sick spell every time the weather changes; my husband and me.—Mrs. Clóvis Reece, Lebanon, Tenn.

The healing of my mother who has been very sick for several months. We thank those who prayed for her and sent encouraging letters, cards and tracts. She is not healed yet but has been much stronger in body. Continue to pray for her; also pray for me.—Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Rt. 1, Angelus, S. C.

My husband's salvation and healing; me; my mother; my brother overseas who is not very well.—A reader.

The healing of my sixteen-year-old daughter, she has a lot of trouble with her right side. The doctor says only a operation will do any good but the Lord has healed many times in our family; the healing of my body; my son and another daughter whose health is very bad.—Mrs. Lona Ledford, Rt. 4, Wenatchee, Wash.

The Lord to heal me of eczema which I have had for five years, I also had a stroke of paralysis and am very weakly, I can hardly go at all. Pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am getting old and gray and will appreciate your praying for me.—W. O. Bryant, Rt. 1, Lumber City, Ga.

God to undertake for two very urgent requests, prayer is needed at once.—Mrs. S. Smith, 38 Martin Place, Detroit, Mich.

The Lord to heal my body, I suffer so severely all the time. From my waist down there is no circulation and all leaders and muscles are tightening.

Please someone hold on and pray until you reach God. Please fast and pray. So many are watching my case. I am so bad the pain keeps me from praying much. Please help me to press on that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Charles Sells, Rt. 1, Bedford, Pa.

My son to be healed of head and stomach trouble; the Lord to heal my body.—Elizabeth Prince, McAndrews, Ky.

The Lord to undertake for us. Our baby has been stolen from us. Please pray earnestly for her safe return. God is our only hope.—Mrs. H. S. Bristol, Box 23, Shelby, Ala.

The Lord to heal my leg, which was operated on recently, and that I may be able to walk.—Mrs. Rosa Meaders, Rt. 3, Pelzer, S. C.

The Lord to heal me, I have eczema on my face and only the Lord knows how I suffer and am tormented with pains. The only relief I have found has been prayer, the Lord has touched and healed me at different times. Encouragement appreciated.—Cora Burress, Grapefield, Va.

An ulcer on my leg to be healed.—Mrs. Fred Ellison, Bon Air, Ala.

The healing of Mrs. Austin Jones who has just one kidney and it is diseased, also heart trouble.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box, Lithia, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Merlin Bonds, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.

Sister Marie Faison, Rt. 2, Mocksville, N. C., whose husband was killed in action.—Mrs. Sallie Conipe, Toe-cane, N. C.

Me to be healed, I have a goitre and my nerves are bad.—Frances Waddell, Rt. 1, Sarah, Miss.

Two special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Dewey Motes, Belle Glade, Fla.

The Lord to heal my body, I have been in bed seven days and am not getting better. I am sure I have had pneumonia, I have a severe cough. I am fully trusting God. Encouragement appreciated. — Mrs. John Clemons, Baxter, Tenn.

God to undertake for my husband and me.—A sister in Christ, Kelleysville, W. Va.

INFLUENCE

In religious assemblies, political, or otherwise, "influence" plays the most important part. In fact, it is the balance of power in any gathering, and the origin of every decision. Therefore, both in the church and in administration of governmental affairs, men of strong "influence" are sought out and placed at the front to champion the ideals or the causes of any group that desires to effect a decision where a majority rules. No less is this true of an individual, when and where it is desired to convert another to a view held by another.

TEXT: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them," Matt. 4: 23, 24.

DECISIONS

There is no way to effect a decision relative to some view not previously held, until the mind or heart is awakened by "influence," either by persons, scenes, things, or circumstances. Therefore, God created persons, scenes, things, and circumstances. The person of Jesus Christ is God's bid for "influence" in the minds of people today who are unsaved, or who are saved, so far as that is concerned. Calvary was a scene designed to awaken a dormant mind and to effect a decision favorably Godward. Grace administered to the needy, such as healing the sick, created circumstances favorable to the people who needed to be saved and healed. Through grace Christ was revealed and made display of His power, which resulted in great "influence" and which, therefore, effected decisions for God.

INFLUENCE

A person without "influence" for good is a dreadful person, because there is no such thing as not having "influence" either for good or for bad. Men are either restrained from doing evil by the presence and conduct of good men, or they are emboldened to do evil by the "influence" of evil men. Sinners run with evil men in riot and

excess. They cease to do evil only when forced to do so by an "influence" either by a person or circumstance which restrains evil and magnifies the blessings of and rewards for doing good. "Influence" as a word is only recorded as being used once in Strong's, Young's or Cruden's concordances in Job 38: 31. It comes from the Hebrew word "maadannoth" and is translated "bonds" by transposition from the root "onad," to bind; used in Job 38:31 with the question "canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" The idea is that "influence" of the right sort binds or restrains and hinders evil. From the Latin word "influentia," it was used (1) by astrologers with reference to the ethereal fluid thought to flow from the stars and to effect the actions of men. As ether puts men to sleep by deadening their sensibility, even so "influence," as a bad sort, puts men to sleep with regard to right doing; while on the other hand, "influence" from a right source deadens men's sensibility to evil things and awakens them to nobler and sublime things. This ethereal fluid is thought to flow from the stars. The righteous are like the stars in that they give light and are to be clothed with light. Dan. 22:3; 1 Cor. 15:41. (2) The word "influence" was used in a poetic sense, to represent an "emanation or effusion, especially of a spiritual or moral force." (3) The act or power of producing effect without apparent force or direct authority, as influence by suggestion. (4) To represent power arising from station, character, wealth, etc. (5) Used of a thing or person that exerts considerable influence.

THE CHRISTIAN

The Christian should be a moral rebuke to those who practice sin. He is God's star. He is God's sunlight of Christ. He, along with others, is God's city set upon an hill which cannot be hid. As the signs of the Zodiac are said to affect material things, the Christian is also to deeply and profoundly affect men by drawing them Godward. The Christian is God's spiritual and moral force; his duty is (1) to live the life of Christ again and thereby to induct men by spiritual force into the kingdom of God. (2) The Christian is, by his moral conduct, to influence men to lead moral lives. (3) The Christian is to produce

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effect without exercise of legal authority. He is an action produced without external force, loud arguments or criticism. His task is only to shine for Christ, and by that act and that alone to influence men to become Christians. (4) The power of the Christian arises from his Christian character, graven by the Holy Spirit within, but seen without like the staves that carry the ark. As the staves were ever ready to be grasped in bearing the ark (the type of Christ), even so the Christian is God's testimony to all that is hidden in Christ. He is the revealed evidence of the covenant of God, and the very essence of the fact that God changes bad men to good men by the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ELEVATED CHRISTIANS

The man who lives a devoted life to Christ is a person of powerful "influence" within his church, his home, and no less his community. The Christian takes the upward glance or the upward slant of both spiritual and moral ascendancy. He sways, he controls, he masters men by his Christian influence. Thus it is that Christians become elevated above the ways of the world. They do not stoop to do the mean things that unsaved men do. They are like the palm tree, they are not only stalwart and straight, but they wave in the pure air of the Spirit and revel in the glory and grace of God.

HINDRANCES

On the other hand, there are hindrances that destroy our "influence." It may be one thing or it may be another. Sometimes it is unconfessed sin; sometimes it is unpaid grocery or rent bills, or failure to meet an obligation, or slipping away from Christ and flirting with the world. If anything is known in the life of the Christian that is not Christlike, the knowledge of this fact by the unsaved thunders so loudly that they know you not for what you profess to be, but for what they actually know you to be. People are made to laugh when we testify to being more than they know us to be by our everyday walk as Christians. Our influence for good or for bad has either a deadening effect or an enlivening effect upon the un-saved.

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Alliance Missionaries

News to the effect that the Missionary Alliance is sending fifty new missionaries to foreign assignments, comes from Winona Lake, Ind.

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Confession

Adam said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." No confession here, he simply shifts the blame to the Lord and to the woman. Eve said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." She made a frank, clear-cut confession. A similar average of confession must still continue among men and women, which probably accounts for the fact that there are among us about two women for every man who profess to be Christians.

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Churches Destroyed

England reported 4,000 churches damaged and 2,800 destroyed as a result of the war. In France nearly 5,000 churches were reported destroyed between 1939 and 1945. In Greece there were 1,000 reported destroyed.

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Chiang Kai-Shek

After eight years of war and hardship, General Chiang Kai-Shek and Madam Chiang have been rewarded by the triumph of their prayers and Christian leadership over Communism and the Japanese tyrants. Probably no national figure has had a harder fight to obtain their objectives. Both the Generalissimo and Madam Chiang are staunch Christians and Mr. Chiang was known to spend at least an hour in prayer before he started the day at other things.

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Atomic Bomb Held Prophetic

The *Sunday School Times*, in September 1 issue, makes the following comment on the atomic bomb:

"With the advent of the atomic bomb, Luke 21:25-28 and other kindred passages come before the children of God with new significance. Again the newspapers bring testimony to the truth of God's Word. The accounts describe this atomic energy as 'the greatest force in the universe.' It seems to me that this force is what

the Lord Jesus was speaking of in Luke 21:28: 'The powers (lit. explosive forces) of the heavens shall be shaken' (R.V.).

"Surely it is no coincidence that the only element found to be suitable for the experiment is *uranium*. The Holy Spirit made no mistake in the inspiration of the Scriptures. The Greek of the above verse means 'the dynamite of uranium.'

"We are told that when the experiment with the bomb was made in the desert of New Mexico, the steel tower in which it was exploded by remote control was vaporized. The tower did not become a mass of molten metal, but went up in gas, literally passing 'away with a great noise.' Unbelievers laugh at the prophecy of (R.V.) 2 Peter 3:10 (as indeed they do about everything else supernatural or miraculous)—'the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat,' yet we have seen a preview of the very thing before our eyes.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth! Inside of two or three weeks we have read in the papers of (1) the crashing of the bomber into the world's tallest building; (2) the cracking up of the world's *largest flying* boat in Chesapeake Bay; (3) the flying of the world's *fastest plane* from Ohio to New York—544 miles in 62 minutes; (4) the dropping of two of the world's *most powerful* bombs on Japanese cities. In the last few months all the great world leaders of the war, *except Stalin* — Roosevelt, Mussolini, Hitler, Tojo, Churchill—have either died or passed from power. (It is not for me to say whether there is any special significance in the fact that only Stalin of Russia remains. We do know, however, that Russia plays an important role in the prophetical Scriptures.)

"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh!"—*A Virginia pastor.*

"The whole text of Luke 21:25-28 reads as follows: 'And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth dis-

tress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

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Life-Saving Blood

Mrs. Hazel H. Otto, of Alhambra, Calif., donated a pint of blood that was known to have saved the life of Staff Sergeant George T. Bruce, of Eastgulf, W. Va. It was a great privilege for this woman to meet the man whose life had been saved by her blood, and even greater it was for Sergeant Bruce to meet the woman whose blood had saved his life. But what of the event when the redeemed saints meet Christ whose blood saved them not from physical death but unto life eternal!

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The Jewish Situation

The San Francisco Peace Conference did nothing to favor "Palestine-for-the-Jews movement." Stalin is said to have declared he is not interested in Palestine, at the Yalta Conference. The Arab-Jewish tension grows. It must be remembered that the Jews will remain a depressed people until Christ delivers them from the heel of antichrist when the kingdom of heaven is set up on earth.

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SANCTIFICATION

By ERVIN E. COLEMAN

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In sanctification one does not receive ABSOLUTE PERFECTION. In other words, one does not receive perfection of mind, judgment, body, etc. Salvation is no guarantee against insanity or sickness, BUT SANCTIFICATION IS ABSOLUTE FREEDOM FROM SIN!

If one is sanctified, he may well be content to wait until the resurrection of the just to receive absolute perfection of body and mind.

Hebrews 9:13, 14, "For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Jesus.... PURGE your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Please notice that the question is, How much more will the blood of Christ do, than the blood of those ANIMALS DID?

If the blood of those animals purified the flesh (that is, they obtained forgiveness for the things done in the flesh, but went and did the same sins the next year, and had to come and offer the blood of animals again for their sins), HOW MUCH MORE will the blood of Jesus do for us? The text answers the question. THE BLOOD OF JESUS WILL PURGE ONE'S VERY CONSCIENCE.

We find more light on this scripture if we read Hebrews 10:14.

The first verse tells us that those sacrifices offered year by year could not make the people perfect. The second verse tells us that if the worshipers had been purged they would have had no conscience of sins, because they would have been perfectly free from the contamination of sin. Verse 14 tells us that when the blood of Jesus sanctifies one, he is perfected forever.

The word here used for conscience is the Greek—suneidesis—and it means to understand or to be aware of. So when one is PURGED, he is not aware of the contamination received through Adam from Satan, because it has been removed by the blood of Jesus. He is no longer unholly, because the thing that made him so is taken out. This is THAT BETTER THING; this is the MUCH MORE that the

blood of Jesus will do for us than the blood of animals did for the Old Testament people. THIS IS SANCTIFICATION.

Prov. 16:6, "By mercy and truth is iniquity PURGED." John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth." These scriptures prove that sanctification is a PURGING-OUT OF INIQUITY. "Iniquity" is a noun meaning evil, or perversity. It refers to the evil contamination that one receives from Satan through Adam, and which is PURGED OUT IN SANCTIFICATION.

Let us again examine John 15:2. Jesus is here speaking of the BRANCHES IN HIM. This refers to the people whom God has permitted to enter the body of Jesus by way of the new birth. This proves beyond any reasonable doubt that sanctification is a second experience of grace, since we know that to get into the body of Jesus is one experience. Now read 1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light (that is, bear fruit in the vine), the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (purges us from all impurities).

The word used for sin in John 1:7 is an abstract noun. It signifies an attribute of Satan. Abstraction is the process of withdrawing one or more attributes of a person or thing, and considering them separately and apart from the person or thing. The attribute here is one of Satan's. It is called sin. This does not mean that the believer has Satan in him after he is converted, but it does mean that the believer has the attributes of Satan in him until he is sanctified. Adam received this attribute of Satan through the fall, and all mankind has received it from Adam through the law of heredity. In Adam all die, but in Christ all are made alive.

Now let us consider the verb PURGE from a grammatical point of view. It is a transitive verb (that is, as it is used here; however, it can be used as an intransitive verb) and as a transitive verb it must have a doer of the action, which is the blood of Jesus, and it must have a receiver of the action, which is the branch in Christ.

If this branch does not, and cannot, be purged completely and defi-

nitely, then when can one say that he is purged? If sanctification is a purging, then how can one say he is sanctified BEFORE this purging is completed?

The Catholics answer this question by inventing the doctrine of purgatory. They teach that when one dies without this cleansing of heart that he goes to purgatory, where he is purged by suffering in fire.

The noun "purgatory" is derived from the verb "purge," and means a place where purging is done.

Now if the Protestant churches do not believe in purgatory, then what do they believe in in order to receive this cleansing? Some of them resort to the teaching that man is not contaminated by Satan, and therefore does not need a cleansing. Others say that getting into the body of Jesus also purges them. But none of these teachings will measure up to the Word of God. The scriptures used above definitely prove that there is a purging for people to receive AFTER they get into the VINE, which is Jesus.

One can never be healed by denying that he is sick. One cannot be cured of poisoning by disputing the power of the poison. So one can never be cleansed from the depravity of the heart just BY DENYING THAT THING. We will do well to admit that we are depraved through the fall of Adam, and accept God's eternal cure for it, which is sanctification. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thess. 4:3.

I Want To Be True

MOORHEAD, Miss.—I thank you for praying for me while I was in a backslidden condition. January 19 I visited at the Church of God in Memphis, Tenn., thinking I might go through one more meeting without accepting God. Brother Thea Jones was conducting the revival. During his sermon that night something got hold of me. The Lord saved and sanctified me there. On January 28 I was in a service with our state overseer, Brother Stallings, and our state superintendent of Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s, Brother Day, at Greenville, Miss. Praise the Lord, He filled my soul with Holy Ghost. Pray for me to ever be true.—Wade E. Ellis, Box 103.

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PRACTICAL PRAYER POINTS

PRAY FOR ALL MEN

1 Tim. 2:1, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men."

A Prayer Pattern

"Oh! for a heart that is burdened,
infused with a passion to pray;
Oh! for a striving within me. Oh!
for His power each day.
Oh! for a heart like my Savior, Who,
being in agony, prayed;
Such caring for others, Lord, give me.
On my heart let the burden be laid."

PUBLICITY GIVEN TO PRAYER

Psa. 141:2, "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

The Lord's Prayer is carved on a large boulder on a roadside about half a mile east of Bristol, Va. This stone is twelve feet high and twenty feet across at the base. Dr. Joseph C. Green considered it his duty to do all he could to spread the Word of God and so he had this done in the year of 1891.

A 38-YEAR PRAYER

1 Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

In looking over his father's papers after his death, a Scotch brother who had been a very worldly man, saw that he had bequeathed large sums of money to Mr. Mueller's orphanage, so he decided to go down and help with the work. They were having a revival there for the orphaned boys and girls and he was saved. They said, "We are not surprised, for at this home, for thirty-eight years, Mr. Mueller never ceased to pray for you."

UNFINISHED PRAYER

Prov. 1:28, "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer."

Just before her execution, Mrs. Hahn began to pray and her last words were "and deliver . . ." She never finished the rest of the sentence: ". . . from evil."

PRAY AS YOU GO

One day two small girls were hurrying to school, but they realized that they were going to be late, so one of them said to the other, "Let's stop and ask God to keep us from being late." The other one said, "No, let's hurry as fast as we can and ask Him as we

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hurry to help us to get there on time."

ANALYZING THE PRAYER

A bright little lad crowded a lot of good hard sense into the following:

"There's a lot of things that seem funny if you're goin' to keep on livin'; but you don't want 'em that way if you should die 'fore you wake."

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Psa. 103:1-4, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

A German youth, Martin Marden, came to America to escape persecution by the Hitler government, and some time later he wrote a prayer of thanksgiving, in which he stated the following: "I am thankful that I live in a land where, regardless of race, every one may take part in national ceremonies. I am thankful that I live in a country governed by democracy rather than by force. I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity to enjoy the many privileges that are unheard of in European countries. I am thankful that I live in a land where the future seems bright and hopeful, rather than dark and hopeless."

UNWAVERING PRAYERS

James 1:6, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."

Mrs. Mattie Boyett, who was suffering from a fatal sickness, prayed constantly for relief from fifteen years of blindness so that she might see again, especially her family. Awaking from a sleep that followed two days and nights of prayer, she realized that she could see her fingers and a chair near the bed. Then on the next day her sight was even stronger and the film over her eyes disappeared.

LUTHER PRAYED FOR HEALING

One day Luther was informed that Melancthon was dying, so he hurried to his bedside and said, "We can't spare you yet, Philip." Then he threw himself upon his knees and wrestled with God for about an hour for his recovery. He ordered soup and made

him drink it, and from then on he started to get better and it wasn't long until he regained his health. After that he labored for years in the cause of the Reformation. Luther said to his wife, "God gave me my brother Melancthon back in direct answer to prayer."

A VAIN PRAYER?

Rom. 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

At his death, Pope Pius was anointed by Monsignor de Romanis, who dipped his thumb in the oil and made the sign of the cross on the Pope's closed eyes, saying: "By this holy unction and His most loving mercy may the Lord pardon thee whatever thou hast sinned by sight." Then with the sign of the cross on the ears, he said: "By this holy unction and His most loving mercy may the Lord pardon thee whatever thou hast sinned by hearing." Then on the nose, saying: "By this holy unction and His most loving mercy may the Lord pardon thee whatever thou hast sinned by smell." On the lips, saying: "By this holy unction and His most loving mercy may the Lord pardon thee whatever thou hast sinned by taste and speech." On the back of the hands, saying: "By this holy unction and His most loving mercy may the Lord pardon thee whatever thou hast sinned by touch." Then finally on the feet, saying, "By this holy unction and His most loving mercy may the Lord pardon thee whatever thou hast sinned by walking."

How different was the prayer Christ prayed for His (living) disciples: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil," John 17:15.

THE GREATEST OF PRAYERS

(Old Testament)

1. Abraham's prayer: Gen. 18:23, 32.
2. Hannah's prayer: 1 Sam. 1:9-11.
3. Habakkuk's prayer: Hab. 3:2.
4. Nehemiah's prayer: Neh. 1:11.
5. Elijah's prayer: 1 Kings 18:36.
6. Hezekiah's prayer: Isa. 38:3.
7. Jacob's prayer: Gen. 32:9-12.
8. David's prayer: Psa. 51.
9. Solomon's prayer: 1 Kings 8:22-

53.

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A Faithful Creator

Pauline McAfee

"Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator,"
1 Peter 4:19.

In studying the fourth chapter of first Peter, we notice the key word is "suffering." The chapter starts and ends with the same thought. Suffering is universal, none escape. God uses this strange channel in a remarkable way to bring us into the will of God, for we are told that He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. Since all are called upon to suffer, it is a comfort to know that such a condition can be "according to the will of God."

Some may think it quite strange that their Christian path should lead through dark waters of suffering, but Peter tells us to "think it not strange" but, on the other hand, rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings. It is not hard to suffer for one we love, nor for one whom we know has suffered for us. More than that, we can even be happy when we are reproached for the name of Christ. Peter even says if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let it be an occasion for glorifying God. Yet he hints that there are other sufferers whose sufferings are acute and deathblowing, definitely out of the will of God, and brought on entirely by ourselves. The 15th verse says: "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters." Who suffers more than the murderer, the thief and the evildoer? Even the busybody spends many a sleepless night in remorse over his evil deeds, when he is brought face to face with his error. We do not wish to dwell on this type of sufferer, but the kind of suffering we are interested in is the kind our text emphasizes, according to the will of God.

Some of the most dynamic personalities for God I have ever met have been, not those who have enjoyed the most pleasant lives, but on the contrary have endured untold sufferings and agonies of spirit. Such a capacity for suffering surely brings one near to the heart of God. It is a known fact that this type of suffering does more to mellow the Christian life than any-

thing else. It has been told that Jennie Lind never became really great as a singer until after her heart had been broken by the one whom she loved most. After her crushing, then her song melted the hearts of thousands. As a crushed rose brings forth sweeter fragrance than a mere bud, so the smitten life has a greater capacity for serving. On the contrary, if suffering is not allowed to draw us closer to God it will certainly harden one's heart. It is well to remember that the same sun that melts the wax, hardens the cement, and it comes from the hands of a faithful Creator.

Joseph stood in the presence of Potiphar and heard the witness give a terrible false accusation. His face turned ashen white when he heard the verdict. Surely a faithful Creator will not allow His child to suffer so innocently. Someone will surely be the mediator and prove his innocence; but, no, in a very short time the prison doors were shut against him and a long term began. But Joseph faced the issue bravely and as the weary years rolled by what a moulding of character, what a melting of spirit, what preparation for a noble and great work for future days.

Again a faithful Creator looked down upon Job as he was severely tested by the great enemy of mankind, whose orders were merely to "spare his life." To me the experience of Job is one of the greatest dramas ever enacted. If just one of the tragedies happen to us, of the many Job endured, our hearts are crushed within us almost beyond repair. But we read that after the loss of all earthly possessions, the death of every child, a sudden failure in health, he solemnly bowed his head and worshipped a faithful Creator who doeth all things well. There was no question in Job's mind as to the purpose of God's strange leadings and for this reason he stands out with the greatest among the faith worthies.

Daniel is another great example of one "suffering as a Christian." One blow after another was his in the land of his captivity, until the final blow came forbidding him to pray to his God. Daniel was a prayer warrior and to deny him thirty heart-to-heart talks with his faithful Creator was

asking more than Daniel could give up. Though it meant coming face to face with the hungry lions, we find him frequenting his place of prayer. The sufferer's tears flowed freely as Daniel confided in his faithful guide. Yet the threat was carried out and soon he found himself in the damp, dark den among the lions. We think we suffer as a Christian sometimes, and so did some of the early church members, but Paul told them they had not yet resisted unto blood. It is well for us to reflect upon some of the early martyrs that God in His wisdom allowed.

Stephen preached the sermon God laid upon his heart, even though he could feel the bitter opposition coming from the gospel-hardened critics in his audience. On and on he uncovered their wickedness until the furious crowd came rushing toward him with great stones, gnashing with their teeth, and crushed the very life out of the sainted preacher as he stood before them with a countenance more like that of an angel than of a man. While the blood stained the rocks that were claiming his life, he uttered a prayer to the faithful Creator who was standing above, that such a tremendous sin should not be charged against those sinners.

God does not call upon all to suffer in the same capacity. However, all must share in order to enter into His glory. We have often sung, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for every one, and there's a cross for me." I would not feel worthy to share the same heaven with such people as are named in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews had I not experienced a little of like persecution and suffering. We read that many were tortured, not accepting deliverance; others had cruel mockings and scourgings, bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawn asunder, tempted, slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, wandering in deserts, mountains, and caves; of whom the world was not worthy. But all these obtained a good report through faith, trusting completely in a faithful Creator.

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The Peace Jesus Gives

MRS. MARIE FAISON

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," John 14:27.

I wonder why it is that we usually seek peace everywhere except the right place. People will seek pleasure everywhere that can be thought of. They don't realize it, but what they are really seeking is peace. When we have peace in our souls, God will give us pleasure. Praise His holy name. Jesus tells us in our text that He doesn't give as the world gives.

When Jesus said this, He was speaking of the pleasures of this world, and was telling us that He doesn't give to us in the manner in which the world gives to us. The sinful, so-called pleasures of this world never satisfy. The more of them we get, the more we want, and yet we are never satisfied. And the more of them we get, the worse we feel. But the more we get of what Jesus gives, the better we feel, and the more we want, for Jesus satisfies. Praise God forever.

If people who are going to movies and dances, and using tobacco, and drinking liquor, could only realize what Jesus has for them, they would come to Him and get saved. And when Jesus saves us, we will want to give up all sinful habits and stay out of sinful places.

Because of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, we are all born with inbred sin. And because of this, many people backslide after they are saved, because they feel the lack of the power to overcome habits they know they should not keep after they are saved.

So instead of pressing on and getting sanctified, as Jesus tells us about in the seventh chapter of St. John, they just say, "I can't live it," and give up and backslide.

Praise God, everything Jesus gives us gets better. Salvation is wonderful, sanctification is better, but praise God forever, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that God's Word tells us all about in the second chapter of Acts, is the best of all, and we need all Jesus has for us. I don't see how so many people can say that salvation is still

for us today, but that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not for us today. We can't say that and believe Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," and 2 Chronicles 19:7, which tells us that God has no respect of persons.

The reason so many people are seeking pleasure in sinful places of amusement is because they don't have Jesus in their hearts. And we see many people, after they get saved, going on doing things not becoming to Christians, because they know nothing of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Dear friends, you had better seek all God has for you before Satan gets what you have. Jesus will give you peace, John 14:27. And He will give you rest, Matthew 11:28. And, praise God, when we have peace and rest, pleasure will take care of itself.

When we have what we need on the inside, we are not running to and fro, hunting pleasure. We already have it, for God surely gives it to us. I get more pleasure from praying on my knees all alone with God than the unsaved get from all their ways of trying to get pleasure.

Jesus says, "Not as the world giveth, give I unto you." And how true that is! Whether you are in civilian life, or in army life, Jesus is what you need.

You may say that we children of God have troubles at times. Yes, that is true with saved people and unsaved ones. Trouble comes to all. But unsaved ones can't call on the one they serve when trouble comes to them. Why serve such a master? We who are saved can call on God when trouble comes. Psalm 55:22, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Praise God, I have had some wonderful answers to prayer. Dear unsaved friends, you don't know what you are missing. Come to Jesus today, and let Him save you. Then you will have peace. Then press on and get all God has for you, and you will have joy unspeakable and full of glory. 1 Peter 1:8 tells us this. I can tell you from my own experience that this is true, just as all of God's Word is true.

Let Jesus into your heart today. May God use this to win some lost soul, is my prayer. It makes my heart rejoice to hear from someone that God has used my feeble efforts to win them to Jesus.

I hope you receive a blessing from this little message. All who know how to pray, please pray for me. I am praying for you.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY COMPLETES ITS FIFTH YEAR OF WAR EMERGENCY WORK

The American Bible Society has distributed 8,213,070 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Bible to the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine during a five-year period that ended June 30, 1945.

More than five and a half million copies of the special edition of the New Testament, streamlined to fit the blouse pocket, were requested over the years by the chaplains for direct distribution to the men who expressed an interest in the books.

Like bread upon the waters, one of these books has come home to the Bible House. The little brown volume is musty, the pages are bent and pieces of dirt and tobacco still cling to the leaves. "This book brought us through," is the story of two G. I.'s, Eugene J. Fehsal and Samuel B. Reichard, who were cut off from their battalion in an attack against Nazi

positions, and forced to hide in a fox-hole a week, before they were able to work their way back to the American lines. The food gave out the first day. From then on there was only the drifting snow, which provided drink, and the comforting presence of the little book, which they took turns in reading.

Although the Society's major activities in the war effort are now concentrated in the Pacific, a recent request from the U. S. Maritime Service Training Station in St. Petersburg, Florida, for 5,000 copies of the New Testament, was filled. This the Society considers a real opportunity as the merchant ships carry no chaplains and no attempt can be made to provide religious facilities.

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Reports from the Field

Looking Forward to Great Year

We, the Conneross Church of God, of Westminster, S. C., R.F.D. 3, really thank the Lord for our good pastor this year, Brother Harley Kelly. He has been a great blessing to us. We love and appreciate him; he has stood by the church so faithfully. We think he is one among the best. He is a wonderful man of God and lives what he preaches. We enjoyed working with him this past year and will miss him and his family so much. Our prayers go with Brother Kelly to his new place, that God will stand by him and give him many souls for his labor.

This is a new church set in order this year. We have a nice Sunday School and Y.P.E., for which we thank the Lord. We are looking for a great time in the Lord this coming year, with our new pastor, Brother Alger Harris. We are happy to have Brother Harris as our pastor and desire your prayers that the Conneross Church of God will rise and shine for the glory of God. If you are ever around here, you have a big welcome to come worship with us.—Mrs. Pearl Swafford.

Help Me Praise Him

STATESBORO, Ga.—A few weeks ago we started a prayer meeting in the homes around us. It seemed that we would have a hard pull at the start, but we did not give up. We prayed, we worked, we studied, we began to fast. Then everything began to brighten up. We have meeting on Thursday and Saturday nights and on those two nights of last week six were saved, six sanctified, and eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost. It was a wonderful meeting. On Saturday night we had shouting all over the house and yard. I just can't praise the Lord enough. Will you help me praise Him?—L. E. Hillis, Rt. 3, Box 169.

We Are Still Working

PAVO, Ga.—We are glad to report a very successful work here at Patton, Ga. We praise God for sending us such a good pastor this year, Brother J. L. Harrison, and his wife. He preaches the old-time gospel with

power. His wife is such a great help also. She picks the guitar and sings special songs, which we enjoy so much. We believe they are God-sent people.

The church has made great progress in every department. There have been twenty-seven saved, twenty-two sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven added to the church. We also have a nice Sunday School and Y.P.E. We have raised a considerable sum of money for the improvements of the church and are still working.—H. E. Morris, clerk, Rt. 3.

God's Approval Is Upon Our Church

PEACH CREEK, W. Va.—Dear Evangel Readers, we again greet you in the name of Him who died for us and wish to bring you a good report from the church at Logan, W. Va.

The Lord is still in our midst and blessing in a wonderful way. He is proving Himself to be a present help in time of need to the many weary pilgrims who travel daily to the church to find rest for their souls and healing for their bodies.

Thanks be to God for an all-sufficient Savior who supplies every need according to His riches in glory. We appreciate the goodness and the love of God and appreciate our good pastor, Rev. Ernest L. Miller, who is leading his people on and out into the deep things of God. One of his favorite passages of scripture is Isaiah 30:15, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Testimonies are received daily from various parts of the world of how God has healed through the anointed cloths sent out from the church. To God be all the honor and praise.

We feel that God has His smile of approval upon the program of the church here. Our pastor lifts up Christ, exalts the cross, preaches the blood and the grace of God, and never, never limits God. He recently brought a message to the church on "Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me Do?" which brought the question home to all of us, causing us to say, "Lord, here am I, send me."

Pray for us that we may continue to abide under the wings of the Almighty.—Bessie Jeffries, Box 248.

God Mercifully Blessed

LEE, Fla.—Midway Church of God continues to heap coals on the fire to keep up a good revival spirit that swept the countryside during a three weeks' revival, with Evangelist Evelyn Hardin and coworker, Ruby Hardin. The services will be long remembered by the many who attended each night. The divine presence of the Lord made us feel that we were in a land "where the milk and honey flows." Yes, you could taste and see that the Lord was good. God mercifully blessed hungry souls. Thirteen were saved, four sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost.

All-day service, with dinner on the ground, was followed by an effective baptismal service at a local creek where twelve were baptized. Nine adults were added to the church at the close of the meeting September 9.

The report would be incomplete without our mentioning that we are now engaged in a building program, in which we are doing some mighty fine repairs. The appearance of the church has changed entirely, for which we are praising God.—Mrs. Leila Anderson, clerk.

A Good Report

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. At the close of this Assembly year we have a good report to make of things that God has done for us.

One year ago, when we joined the Church of God, we had nine members; now we have fifteen. Praise the Lord! We are few in number but surely God has been with us. We have had wonderful times throughout the summer. We had here, at different times, Brother and Sister A. Galbraith, of Yakima, Wash., then of Brooklyn, and surely God did bless their ministry in this place. Four back-sliders came back to God, one had a definite experience of sanctification, and fourteen of our members were baptized in water. Glory to God.

Pray for us. We are wanting to go deeper with God. Pray that God will send us a real, Holy-Ghost-filled minister.—Vera Montanye, clerk, Rt. 2.

God can manifest Himself much better when self ceases to manifest itself.

The man who is big enough to keep little is little enough to grow big.

REVIVALS

COOSA VALLEY, Ala.—Brother Charlie Owens held a two weeks' revival for us. Several were saved, eight sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven added to the church. The power of God was greatly felt.

The Lord surely has blessed us this year. When Brother Painter came here we were having service in an old church that wasn't any good. Today we have a nice new block church, also a parsonage framed up and which will soon be finished. We have a good Y.P.E. and Sunday School, also a good pastor.—Lester Vollrath, clerk, Cropwell, Ala.

CULBERSON, N. C.—Brother J. O. Barton, of Etowah, Tenn., conducted a good revival here which closed July 29. Brother Barton did some good preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. One was saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Cudd, district pastor, was with us the last night and brought a good message. Then Sunday morning Brother Ledford brought an inspiring message. Pray for us.—Ella Jenkins, clerk.

BRUNSWICK, N. C.—Sister Katie Tucker started a revival here June 10 with the following results: thirteen saved, four sanctified, and others under conviction. Pray for these new converts to stand true and that a church will be set in order soon. We were happy to have Brother Combs drop by.—Mrs. E. V. Powers.

GIBSONTON, Fla.—A three weeks' revival was conducted by Brother Willie Sanders, of Sulphur Springs. Four were saved, one sanctified, and four added to the church. Pray for my boy in the Merchant Marine.—Roxie Braswell, Rt. 2, Box 459, Tampa, Fla.

CUMBERLAND, Ky.—We praise the Lord for a two weeks' revival with Rev. J. E. Smeltzer and wife, of Texas, in charge. God blessed in a mighty way. There was good music and singing. Fifteen were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and five added to the church, for which we praise the Lord.—E. W. Carden, pastor.

PARSONS, W. Va.—We praise God for the wonderful revival which began

May 9 and continued for five weeks at the K. of P. hall here at Parsons, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Heaton, of South Carolina. Forty-nine were saved, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-eight baptized in water, and thirty-three added to the church. God is blessing. We have a nice Sunday School with good attendance, as well as good attendance at other services. Pray that we will soon have a building of our own in which to worship.—Joseph H. Bava, clerk.

MUNDAY, Tex.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at Munday, Tex. The Lord wonderfully blessed; people were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Nine were baptized in water and four added to the church. Rev. W. E. Mitchell is the pastor and is doing a wonderful work. Pray for us.—J. R. Burns, Box 151, Mineral Wells, Tex.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—We have closed a good revival at the Church of God at Cramerton, N. C., with Brother S. C. Chambers doing the preaching. He preaches old-time holiness just like it is, and he can really play the guitar and sing too. Several prayed through and were baptized in water, and five were added to the church, all five being young people.

We have a good Y.P.E. at Cramerton. We love and appreciate our pastor, Brother L. O. Henry. Brother and Sister Henry are hard workers for the church; they visit the sick everywhere and do what they can to be a blessing to everyone.

The Willing Workers' Band raised \$600 for the orphanage of North Carolina. We have a good Sunday School; had one hundred sixty-one in attendance and sixty-three dollars in the offering. The Lord is blessing us. Pray that He will continue to bless at Cramerton. Pray for me as president of the Y.P.E., that I may be a blessing to the young people, and pray for our pastor and his family.—Miss Eunice Smith.

CALVIN, W. Va.—We have just closed a revival at the Church of God in Calvin, with Rev. James Burr, Jr., as

the evangelist. Eight were saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and the church greatly revived. Brother Burr was a real blessing to the church.—Sister John Longsworth, reporter.

BRADSHAW, Ala.—A wonderful revival was held at Bradshaw Church of God, Brother Marvin Johns doing the preaching. Seventeen were saved, eleven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven baptized in water. Brother Johns surely brought forth soul-stirring messages every night.—Annie Bell Sherrer, Rt. 1, Samson, Ala.

HEFLIN, Ala.—We praise the Lord for the way He blessed in our revival conducted by Sister Emma Newman. Thirty were saved, twenty sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five added to the church, and twenty-one baptized in water. Pray for us at Crumleys Chapel, that we will be of one mind and accord. Since the revival fifteen have received the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church, making a total of thirty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost. We have a wonderful pastor, Brother Pearson, and his wife; they have been a blessing to the church at Crumleys Chapel. Pray for us to hold out faithful.—Mrs. Viola Cantrell, Rt. 2.

YARBROUGHTOWN, Ga.—We thank God for the wonderful two weeks' revival we had. Brother Henry Digsby was our evangelist, Brother Audry Fox, our good pastor, with some more good singers, did special singing. Nine were saved, six sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The church was revived. Pray for us.—E. M. Atkins, clerk.

ALTHA, Fla.—One of the greatest revivals has closed at Altha, conducted by Brother H. H. Holloway and his wife. Fifty were saved, some sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and the revival fire still burns. During the revival the church came into the Church of God and it was greatly uplifted through Brother Holloway's ministry and their singing.—Mrs. Lucile Whitehead.

HIXSON, Tenn.—We recently closed a wonderful revival a few weeks ago. We had such sweet fellowship and God blessed in every service. We had

as our evangelist Brother Orvil Simpson, a young minister. The Holy Ghost fell in most every service. There were twelve saved, twelve sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, nine added to the church, and nine baptized in water. We thank God for all He has done for us. Pray for us.—William E. Mullis, pastor, Rt. 2.

We, the Church of God at Weyanoke, West Virginia, really praise the Lord for a very successful two weeks' revival which closed August 14, conducted by Sister Lillian Peacock and her husband, Roy, of Tampa, Florida.

Each service was enjoyed by all present and the house was packed each night and each message was de-

livered under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

We also praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power manifested in these services. One sister who had suffered with a dislocated shoulder for more than two years, and also had T. B., was instantly healed. She had been unable to raise her hand to her face and she kept her hands above her head and praised the Lord. She said, "Praise the Lord, I have a new body."

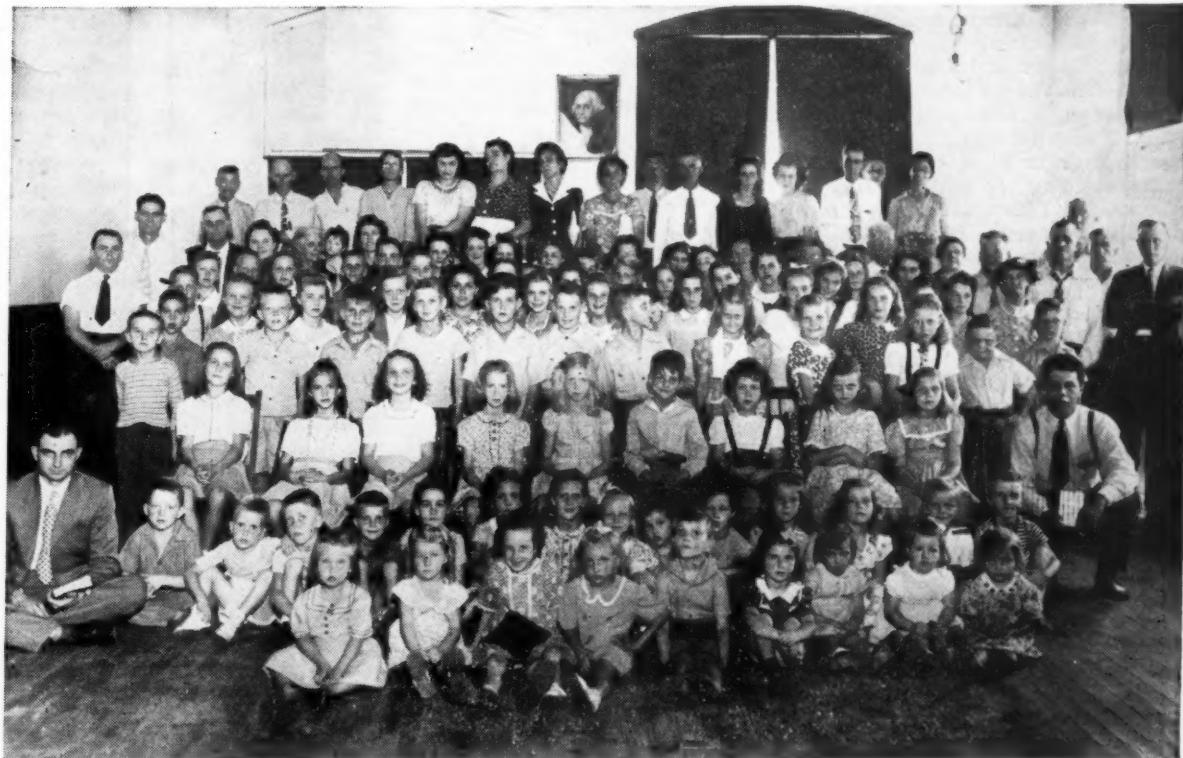
Nine testified as being saved, four sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Four were baptized in water, three added to the church, and the church greatly revived. I feel that we all have a greater zeal to go for-

ward and do more for our blessed Master and for His Church.

We really praise the good Lord for sending Brother and Sister Peacock our way for a revival, and hope He will soon send them back. We highly recommend them to any church in need of a revival.—C. J. Norris, clerk.

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. — Sister R. S. Brown, of St. Petersburg, Fla., has just closed a two weeks' revival, assisted by her coworkers, Sisters Ethel and Lavern Jackson, and Geraldine Cole, of Branford, Fla. Several were saved, sanctified, and some filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was revived. Pray for the work here.—Mrs. Dewey DeLaney.

EXPOSITION MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL



Pictured above is the Sunday School that was organized nine months ago at the Exposition mill quarters in Northwest Atlanta in a band hall furnished by the mill company. This school has averaged sixty-five for the last six months, and on September 9, when this picture was made, they had an attendance of one hundred twenty-five.

Standing on the extreme right is Brother H. B. Wilkins, one of the young ministers of the Riverside Church of God, who helped to organize the mission and Sunday School, and who has been their main preacher. Kneeling on the extreme right is Brother Ralph Morris, their fine superintendent, and sitting on the floor on the left, with Bible in hand, is Brother Livingston, the assistant. Standing on the left with black tie is Brother Thurman Hicks, their helper and singer. This mission and school is sponsored by the Riverside, Ga., church. We hope in the very near future to have a nice Church of God established at the Exposition mill.—Joe R. Little, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent.

TESTIMONIES

A Shut-in But Serving Jesus

Dear Christian Friends, I am just a young girl and am also a shut-in. I cannot walk. I have been in this condition for the past ten years; I am nineteen years old now. I am so glad and thankful that I can say I am just looking forward to a better place—not in this old world but in heaven. Praise the Lord. I know there will be no shut-ins in heaven. I may always be a shut-in in this old world, but when I get to heaven I won't be a shut-in there. Praise God for that wonderful place called heaven. When we get there we will have a new body and we will have a new life. I am so glad that we are serving a true and living God, One who we can always depend on. You know sometimes our earthly friends forsake us and turn their backs on us, but we do have a Friend who will never leave nor forsake us, and that friend is Jesus. Yes, we can always depend on Jesus because He said He would never leave us nor forsake us, and I know His words are true. Praise God, they can never fail. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away."

I am glad to let you know I am living for Jesus. I am saved and sanctified. I have been saved and sanctified for the past few years but I have not received the Holy Ghost. Pray that I may receive Him soon. I am a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church but I know some Church of God people at Greenville, N. C., and around about. I had never been to a Church of God until about three months ago when I was staying with one of my uncles and his wife; they are members of the Church of God at Greenville, N. C. Brother Sims was holding a revival up there at the Church of God while I was at my uncle's and they went to the revival a lot and took me with them. I had been wanting to go to the Church of God for a long time, so thank God I got to go, and I really did enjoy going there. There is such a wonderful spirit there and the people are so friendly. They give you such a good welcome. I just love to go up there to the Church of God. Yes, all the Church of God people whom I have met are so friendly. I love to see peo-

ple be so friendly and always give such a welcome like those Church of God people do. I think they have a wonderful pastor at the church there at Greenville, Brother Carl Morris. I really think Brother Morris is a wonderful preacher and I enjoy hearing him preach.

I get so many letters from so many different people and I try to answer them all. I get many letters from people I do not even know and they do not know me, but I really do appreciate them all. I just love to get mail. —Miss Magdalene Baker, Rt. 2, Ayden, N. C.

Healed of Many Things

GASPARILLA, Fla.—I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him because He suffered the stripes for the healing of my body. He has healed me of pleurisy, sinus trouble, neuralgia, and other things, for which I am very thankful. When I think of all the Lord does for me, my heart feels as if it would burst. Please pray for my loved ones, also that my eyes will be healed. A letter of encouragement from someone who has had his eyesight restored will be appreciated. Pray for my two brothers overseas.—Mrs. R. M. Futch.

Wondrously Saved

COLUMBIA, Miss.—There is great pleasure in serving the God of peace. I am glad that one day my heart began to get hungry. I didn't know just what to do. I was very sick. I would go home and I could not stay. I would go to work and I couldn't work. The only thing I could do was cry and cry. The people wanted to know if there was anything they could do for me. I told them there was nothing that could be done for me. My heart was so heavy and broken up. My wife would say, "Daddy, why don't you stop your way of doing and serve God?" I would get mad at her and tell her I wish I were dead, but there was something in my heart that would say, "You did wrong." I would go away but I could hear that prayer she was praying, "Lord, have mercy on my husband's soul," and I am glad that God gave me a hungry heart and

cleansed me from everything that was not like Him. I am glad that when God saved my soul I did not stop until He sanctified my soul and a few days later gave me the good Holy Ghost. I am glad that He came to this world and died to save sinners like me. I have spent forty years for the devil. Today I am sorry I spent any at all, but I am watching and praying and looking for Jesus' soon coming.

I am glad God sent Brother Jet Breeland my way one day and that day I will never forget. I know if I stay true to God I will make this race successfully. I know that heaven awaits me. I desire your prayers.—W. C. Meadows, Box 482.

The Way Growth Sweeter

BROOKLANDVILLE, Md.—Dear Saints and Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I do not have the privilege of being in service very often so I am proud of the chance to testify in the Evangel to the many saints and readers everywhere. It is so wonderful to have a Savior who will go with us everywhere we go. My heart goes out to our Service men. I wonder sometimes what the ones do who fail to take Jesus with them when they go on the battlefields. I feel more like praying and fasting than I ever did since God saved me. The way grows sweeter every passing day. Jesus has healed me so many times this past year by doing the will of the Lord and laying the Evangel on my body in His dear name.

Saints, I feel just like traveling on now. I have been to church only four times in six months but God really blessed my soul three times out of the four times I got to go to service. The devil likes to keep a Christian away from church but keeping a Christian from letting their light shine is like trying to smother out a big fire. When you think you have it out it will break out somewhere else. So if we cannot let our light shine one place we will another. Praise God forevermore! I love that dear song that says, "Take this whole world but give me Jesus." It is nice to have earthly treasures but they will fade. This old-time religion will shine brighter and brighter.

Each Christian, keep me on your prayer list. I have dear ones out in sin for whom I would like for you to help me pray, also for my dear mother's health and keeping.—Audrey Francisco.

God Healed Me

JENSEN, Fla.—I became very sick with my stomach; it began to hurt and continued to get worse. It swelled and I couldn't rest. I began to pray, the saints prayed. They said I had appendicitis. I was in a terrible condition and could hardly stand for my clothes to touch my stomach. I called for Brother H. P. Thompson, of Salerno, and he prayed the prayer of faith and God healed me.—Solomon Mackey (colored), Box 64.

Growing Every Day

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo.—We have a wonderfully good church which is growing every day. Brother Price, our pastor, is on fire for God. When he came to the church it was small, but now we have a nice building and on July 29 we had two hundred twenty-six in Sunday School. We are keeping our pastor for another year and are looking forward for greater progress than in the past. We also have a wonderful overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister Watson.—A sister at Caruthersville.

Looking Forward

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala.—Our church is only three months old and we still have service in the tent, but with God's help we will have the church building ready in a few weeks. God has wonderfully blessed here. We have only a few members, but God is with us and with His help we are sure it will grow.

Rev. J. C. Bower organized the church here and has done a good job. We hate to see him move on, but his job is to go to new fields. We really thank God for him and his family. Our new pastor took over last Sunday. We really enjoyed the services and are sure he will do a good work here with God's help. We thank God for our Sunday School and L.W.W.B. They are doing fine. Their offering was \$64.37 last Sunday. Our new pastor is Rev. W. H. Morrison, of Sylacauga, Ala. Pray for our church to continue to grow.—Mrs. J. I. Burnett, Sunday School secretary.

Healed Many Times

I praise God for His wonderful healing power. The other night I was suffering with a very serious pain in my stomach. I laid the Evangel on me and prayed. Thank God, He healed me and I haven't felt the pain since. I praise Him for healing me many times, and

for healing every member of my family. Thank God for healing my little boy of T. B. of the spine. He lay in a cast for three and one-half years but, praise God, now he is up and going anywhere he wants to, is able to go to school, though he isn't completely healed yet. Pray for his complete healing.

I praise God that He ever saw fit to save me from this world of sin about nine years ago, sanctify, and fill me with the Holy Ghost, which still abides in my soul. Hallelujah! I desire the prayers of all God's children that the Lord will save my husband. Pray for me, that I will have more faith in God and be in the center of His will and be ready when He comes or calls me.—Mrs. Katie Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 369, Coral Ridge, Ky.

My Burdens Have Been Rolled Away

I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I thank Him for sending Brother Blaine Weeks through our part of the country about eighteen years ago, preaching the true gospel, preaching whereby we must be born again. As we did not have a Church of God at that time, this brother preached under an oak tree and there I gave my heart to God and began to seek for the Holy Ghost.

Later I received the full blessing and was true for awhile, but I did not have sufficient standing and the cruel ways of this world and the pride of this life choked the good Word that was sown in my heart and I became unfaithful. I went back into the world.

I did not go to church for several years. But later the Lord sent Brother Blaine Weeks back here. He was still preaching this good gospel and he had tried to get me to go back to church, but the devil kept me from going the first time on May 1, 1944.

Brother Weeks preached on the courthouse square on Saturday afternoon. Some of my friends and I were standing on a corner. One of them said, "Let us go and hear the preaching." I said that I did not care to, but we went and the Word found its way back into my heart. I went to church that night and Brother Weeks did preach a good sermon. When he made the altar call I felt that I wanted to go and pray again but the devil said it would not do for me to pray.

The revival started Sunday and I

did not rest any Saturday night because I did not go to the altar. The next time the altar call was made I told the devil to get back for I was going to serve the Lord and I made my way to the altar. There the Lord rolled my burdens away, and on May 11, 1944, I received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Dear Christians, do not be ashamed when you see a Church of God preacher preaching on the street corner, for if Brother Weeks had not preached this good Word on the courthouse square I might still be lost today.—Henry Carter, Cairo, Georgia.

Are We Working for Our Lord?

Dear saints, I wonder how many of us are in the battle for our Lord. I think we should be willing to be in battle for Him, fighting against sin and trying to help some soul get saved.

We read in John 2:1-10 about the wedding. The wine gave out and after Jesus' mother told Him, "They have no wine," she said to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." They did and received better wine than at first. If we expect a blessing from the Lord by seeing a revival start and souls getting saved, we must be willing to do whatsoever He says for us to do. Maybe He says for us to speak to someone about his soul, but because we are afraid he might laugh at us or mock us we will stand back and fail to warn him of the danger his soul is in. Jesus didn't fail to warn the people and they laughed and scorned Him. He tells us that the servant is not greater than His Lord. He left us an example to go by and if we expect Him to be pleased with our work, we must prove that we are willing to do what He has said for us to do. If His followers had failed to wait at Jerusalem for the promise, they would not have received the Holy Ghost, but they were willing to do what He said.

If Peter had been watching and praying as Jesus said for them to do, I don't think he would have denied his Lord.

He is so good to me and has done so much for us that I want to do what He says, don't you? Praise His dear name! Let's wake up and be more careful about His work that we might be found faithful when He comes or calls.—Mrs. Myrtle Self, Box 576, Great Falls, S. C.

American Bible Society Completes Its Fifth Year of War Emergency Work

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PRACTICAL PRAYER POINTS

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10. Daniel's prayer: Dan. 9:3-19.
11. Jonah's prayer: Jonah 2:2-9.
12. Ezra's prayer: Ezra 9:5-15.
13. Moses' prayer: Ex. 32:31, 32; 33:12-17.
14. Job's prayer: Job 42:7-10.
15. Jeremiah's prayer: Jer. 32:16-25.
16. Isaiah's vision and prayer: Isa. 6:1-8.

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3. Prayer of disciples: Acts 1:24, 25.
4. Publican's prayer: Luke 18:13.
5. Pharisee's prayer: Luke 18:10, 11.
6. Paul's prayer: 1 Thess. 5:23.

PRAYERS OF TODAY

By J. B. Ellis at the 1942 General Assembly: "Our Father, we thank Thee for this privilege to meet here and worship Thee. We thank Thee for our nation and the liberties we enjoy. Bless our boys on the battlefield. Guide them and may they trust in God. Don't let them go off in sin and die on the battlefield. Bless our ministers and help them in the promulgation of the gospel. Bless all the laymen who are here. May we receive such a landslide of glory that we will never forget it. Especially bless in everything that is said or done here that it may lead to the glory of God. Bless this city (Birmingham, Ala.) that has given us the privilege of having this Assembly here. Guide our officials that they may direct the affairs of our people. Take us into Your hands. You know about us, our struggles, and our conflicts. You know how to bring victory and lead us on, and we believe that Thou wilt make this occasion a blessing to each one who

comes into this building. Bless the singers, those who pray, the ones that bring the messages; bless in the testimonies that are given, and we will give You the praise."

INFLUENCE

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CHRIST

Jesus Christ wrought His miracles, He influenced people, He healed the sick, and displayed the power of God because He was what He professed to be. If we, as ministers, desire a greater inflow of the Spirit of God, or if we desire to be a rebuke to immoral conduct, then it remains that we are to don the garments of righteousness and to wear them daily, and to see to it that our garments are always white and that our head lacks no anointing. Lift up thine eyes, and thy head in prayer, that God may anoint thine eyes that thou mayest see; and that He may anoint thy head with fresh oil. Then your influence will be right, and you can preach without skinning and abusing people. You can preach Christ and Him crucified, even the "unsearchable riches" of Christ.

A FAITHFUL CREATOR

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I would like to conclude with the comforting thought I glean from the 10th verse of 1 Peter 5. After we have suffered awhile, Christ Jesus will make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle us. Thus we gladly commit the keeping of our souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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He Is Precious to My Soul

TOCCOA, Ga.—Just a word of praise in honor to our King who is so good and merciful to us. I am so glad He led me out of the place where I saw everything was a failure but Him, and made me humble enough to swing out on His promises and trust Him for my body as well as my soul. So many times He has healed me when I was in great suffering. For twelve years I could not enjoy one meal of food as I should. I tried every doctor I knew about who had the reputation of being a good one for testing out my body with their medicine, and it all failed. I weighed only ninety-seven pounds all this time. I began to seek the Lord. I found Him precious to my soul. I began to eat by faith and the Lord healed me, both soul and body. My average weight is about one hundred thirty-two or thirty-three pounds. I do my work. That has been thirteen years ago but my desire was to prove Him for what He did for me.

I suffered a lot with my right side and a place about half way around my back; it hurt me so badly when I went to bed I couldn't rest and many nights I could hardly sleep any at all, it would make me so nervous.

I wrote Brother J. C. Jernigan for

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an anointed cloth. I received it and was in the room praying at the ten o'clock hour. I tried to pray at that hour every day. I prayed until I got hold of the Lord and He really did bless me and healed my back and side. Praise His name.

When we depend on doctors and medicines for our healing we wait a long time sometimes and try many different remedies, but when we get hold of the bell cords of heaven through faith the Lord will heal us.

Pray for me, that I may always have faith in Him, be obedient to His will at all times, and trust Him for my healing the rest of my life.—Mrs. L. A. Chitwood, Rt. 1.

from house to house telling how God could heal. Pray for me to fight a good fight of faith, also pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Della Stone.

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Above is a picture of the Church of God at Cornelia, Ga., built in six months without a member. Estimated value of church and lot, \$7,500. Organized Sunday School Easter Sunday with thirty-eight present. Record attendance, 151. Attendance rally day, thirty; third Sunday in August, 97. A four weeks' revival conducted by Rev. H. R. Appling, pastor at Gainesville, Ga., resulted in thirty-one conversions, fifteen sanctifications, and eight baptisms with the Holy Ghost. The church was organized with seven members on August 17, two more joining the Sunday following, making nine. Y.P.E. attendance for August averaged 106. The church has four Sunday School rooms, two prayer rooms, rest rooms, and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250. It is said to be the prettiest church in Cornelia and one of the prettiest small Church of God buildings in Georgia. The pastor did the architectural work and superintended the building of the church at a cost of a little more than half that wanted by a local contractor.—Charles G. Paschal, pastor.

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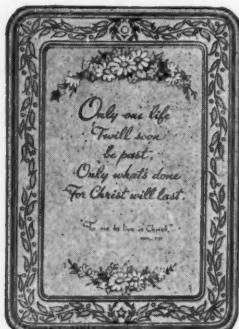
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